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Biker gang violence escalating: Cops

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▶ Wayne Nuytten, owner of 187 Ink in Osborne Village, says he's "stunned" that someone would firebomb his shop.

◗ Police update public on ongoing biker war ◗ Cause of dispute thought to be related to 'void' in drug underworld

A fire at a Logan Avenue business one month ago today appears to have been the first strike in a series of violent events linked to a conflict between two biker gangs, Winnipeg police said yesterday.

Since then, there have been 12 other reported incidents where homes and businesses were firebombed or shot at, according to a list provided by organized crime officers yesterday.

A teen boy was shot and injured in the crossfire, and a gun has been seized in the ongoing dispute between the Rock Machine and the Redlined Support Crew — a Hells Angels-affiliated gang.

"We have a problem on our hands here," said Const. Jason Michalyshen. "This is a complex situation we're dealing with.... There are many, many moving parts."

Police-service brass have assigned extra resources from units across the service to try and contain the violence, which police said has escalated.

Police said 15 gang associates have been arrested for various offences as part of their efforts.

The latest salvo came early yesterday when a tattoo parlour in Osborne Village was firebombed. Two were arrested, and a fire didn't manage to get going. Police didn't identify the suspects but said they were men aged 34 and 24. There were no injuries.

Police said the business "has associations to gangs" but declined to offer specifics.

However, the act of apparent intimidation has left the shop's owner scratching his head.

"I was kind of stunned," said 187 Ink owner Wayne Nuytten. He said he was woken in the early morning by what he called a "curious" call from his alarm company stating that the sensor in the shop was set off but that the doors weren't breached.

"I could see it if I was in a gang, or a gang member, but I'm not," said Nuytten. "A lot of people come in and out of this door." Nuytten added shop rules prohibit artists doing gang-related tattoos.

He said about $450 damage was done but that he expected to be back in business by the afternoon.

According to city records, in the past few years, tax bills sent to the business were addressed to a relative of an incarcerated Hells Angel.

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Four-house. Blaze

▶ The father and brother of one of the victims of a house fire check out the damage to a duplex on McKenzie Street yesterday morning.

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Arson suspected in major fire

No one was hurt in a house fire Tuesday night that spread to four adjoining homes. Once the fire was out, firefighters pulled a dog, cat and a snake — all alive — from the smoking wreckage. Damage was estimated at $400,000. See the full story at metronews.ca/winnipeg.

Gear up for BikeFest

Free event Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

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▶ Cyclists play bike polo.

Wheels will be spinning at The Forks for the third year in a row for Mountain Equipment Co-op's BikeFest.

Winnipeg Bike Polo will be there with scheduled matches between local teams and impromptu pick-up games. And yes, said BikeFest event co-ordinator Jared Falk, bike polo is exactly what it sounds like.

"I like to describe it as regular polo and street hockey, but on bikes. You're on a bike, hitting a mallet, hitting a ball."

Cyclists who aren't quite geared up to go can buy, sell and trade used bikes, clothes and accessories at the BikeSwap; purchase new items at MEC's mini store; or learn how to maintain their bikes with a professional bike mechanic.

"Places like CAA Manitoba are going to be providing more information about their roadside assistance for bikes and Alternate Transportation Winnipeg is going to have a lot on the new bike pathways in Winnipeg," said Falk.

The West End Cultural Centre is providing entertainment throughout the day under the main stage, with performances from Magnum K.I. and Haunter.

"The purpose is to gather the cycling community in a celebration of all things cycling. And also bring the racing aspects of cycling with the everyday, the commuting, the fun parts."

BikeFest has activities for a wide range of cyclists, whether they roll in with a mountain bike, low-rider or have a woven basket and tassels attached to their handles. ● CRYSTAL LADERAS

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Double. Jointed

▶ Edmonton street performer Schuyler Snowdon contorts his limbs as part of his first Fringe show yesterday.

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All twisted up with Fringe Festival excitement

Local parking rates still lowest in the country

- Rates up most in Edmonton with a 28.6 per cent increase from last year
- World's most expensive place to park is London, U.K.: $1,083 US a month

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If you dread paying $12 a day for parking at Portage and Main, it could be worse.

Try $35 for Calgary's most expensive spots. Or $31 for Vancouver's.

Winnipeg's plethora of urban street-level parking lots means Winnipeg still has the lowest parking rates in the country, averaging about $9 a day, compared to the national average of $15 a day, according to the latest parking study done by Colliers International.

The study looked at Canada's major cities and compared parking rates over the past two years. While some Canadian cities saw an increase in rates, most stayed the same, including Winnipeg.

"Despite a general improvement in economic conditions, most parking-garage owners and operators did not increase parking rates during the last 12 months, which came as a relief to businesses and consumers confronting significantly higher gas prices," said Ross Moore, the study's chief economist.

Average daily rates

- **Calgary:** $25
- **Toronto:** $23
- **Vancouver:** $20
- **Edmonton:** $18
- **Montreal:** $18
- **Ottawa:** $15
- **Halifax:** $14
- **Victoria:** $13.50
- **Kitchener-Waterloo:** $12
- **Regina:** $10
- **Saskatoon:** $9.25
- **Winnipeg:** $9

Big Top Fringe picks and pans

Dying Hard

My heart sank at the beginning of Dying Hard. In my experience, a performer starting with a "this show is about..." preamble is a bad sign. But an hour later, I was fully taken in by this moving and weighty docudrama.

Ignoring the clunky (and unnecessary) introduction to the show, Dyke skillfully transforms into a half dozen characters, all of whom weave heartbreaking stories with Newfoundland charm. It can be hard viewing, but it's important the stories in Dying Hard are told — and fortunate they're told by a performer of Mikaela Dyke's calibre. **JOFF SCHMIDT/CBC REVIEW CREW**

The Finkles' Theatre Show!

Wanda and Carl Finkle may be the most loveable dorks you'll meet at the Fringe. Like a lot of people around here this time of year, they have a dream: mount the best theatre show ever. The hitch, of course, is that they're completely inept — but that doesn't stop them from gawkily grinning their way through writing the script, holding auditions and working on the big dance number. Co-creators Ryan Lear and Rachel Petrie have a talent for drawing a laugh with goofy facial expressions, their comic timing is great and they're irrepressibly energetic.

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The Wet Dream Catcher

"This show is low-tech, low-brow and lo-and-behold," says writer/performer RC Weslowski at its start. Seems RC has some issues with all the shame — or "shahuzzawuzzawizzle," as he says, since "shame leaves a bad taste in my mouth" — we feel around sex. So he tells us the story of how his character, Miss Nancy, came to possess the "wet dream catcher" — a device designed to catch the "dirty thoughts" of the audience and wash them of their "shahuzzawuzzawizzle." This begins and ends with some painfully awkward audience participation (your experience will depend largely on how game the crowd is to play along). It comes across as more uncomfortable than fun. I think I felt more shahuzzawuzzawizzle going out than coming in.

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Karzai weeps over slain brother

Streets of Kandahar were empty and most shops closed in anticipation of a bloody backlash over the killing of president's sibling

A heartbroken Hamid Karzai stood weeping in his murdered half brother's open grave in Kandahar yesterday as one of southern Afghanistan's mightiest power brokers, felled by the point-blank bullets of a confidante-turned-assassin, was laid to rest.

Beyond the confines of the sprawling government guest house where the Afghan president was grieving, however, few were shedding a tear for Ahmed Wali Karzai.

"My message to the Taliban, my brothers, is that they should stop killing their own people," president Karzai told the gathered mourners.

Beyond the walls of the compound known as Mandigak Palace, an eerie silence fell over a city gripped with the fear of retaliatory violence following Tuesday's assassination, which was carried out by a close Karzai associate.

The streets of the provincial capital were empty and most shops closed in anticipation of a bloody backlash — a testament to the power Karzai, a political kingpin, wielded when he was alive.

"Anyone can kill, but real men are the ones who save lives."
AFGHANISTAN PRESIDENT HAMID KARZAI

Few in Kandahar city were untouched by his influence and business dealings, which is why he was so deeply respected and even feared, said Amatullah, a baker in the city's commercial district.

Asked whether Ahmed Wali was loved, Amatullah's gaze fell to the ground.

"No, I don't think so," he said. "No one was sorry, because of his character."

Known by his initials AWK, Karzai practised a bare-knuckle style of politics viewed by many ordinary people as intended to benefit primarily himself and his brother, rather than Kandahar province itself.

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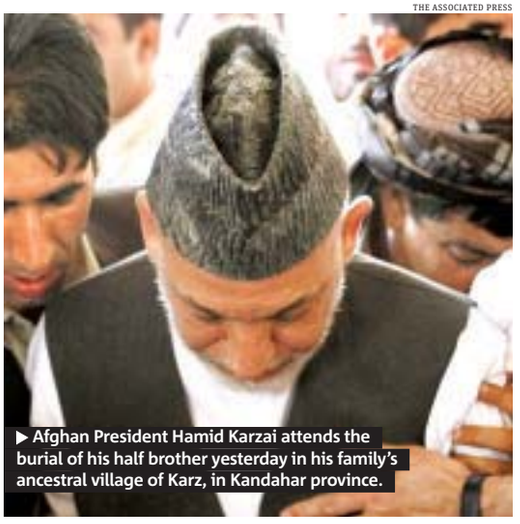

▶ Afghan President Hamid Karzai attends the burial of his half brother yesterday in his family's ancestral village of Karz, in Kandahar province.

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Mumbai rocked by explosions

▶ A bomb squad member collects evidence at the site of an explosion at Dadar in Mumbai, India, yesterday.

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Co-ordinated bombings

RUSH HOUR. Three co-ordinated bombings tore through the heart of India's busy financial capital during rush hour yesterday, killing at least 21 people in the worst terror attack in the country since the 2008 Mumbai siege. The attacks came just months after peace talks resumed between India and Pakistan, which New Delhi has blamed for past attacks. Blood-covered bodies lay on Mumbai streets and people hugged and wept. Others carried the wounded to taxis. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

"India is not going to cow down. Let those perpetrators of this terror remember, we will find them and Inshallah (God willing) we will give them the justice that India believes in."
CABINET MINISTER FAROOQ ABDULLAH

Blast timeline

MARKET. The first blast struck the Jhaveri Bazaar at 6:54 p.m., tearing through the famed jewelry market. A minute later, a blast hit the busy business district of Opera House, several kilometres away in southern Mumbai. At 7:05 p.m., the third bomb exploded in the crowded neighbourhood of Dadar in central Mumbai, according to police.

Because of the close timing of the blasts, "we infer that this was a co-ordinated attack by terrorists," Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram said.

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Refusing to point fingers

ATTACKS. Indian officials refused to speculate on who might be behind the blasts. Past attacks have been blamed on Pakistan-based militants, and Indian officials have accused Pakistan's powerful spy agency of helping co-ordinate and fund some of those strikes, including the Mumbai siege.

Pakistan's government expressed distress on the loss of lives and injuries soon after yesterday's blasts were reported.

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Major attack

- **Mumbai siege.** The blasts marked the first major attack on Mumbai since 10 militants laid siege to India's financial capital for 60 hours in November 2008.
- **Targets.** That attack, which targeted two luxury hotels, a Jewish centre and a busy train station, killed 166 people .
- **Police.** In March 2010, Mumbai police said they prevented a major terrorist strike after they arrested two Indian men, who, police said, were preparing to hit several targets in the city.

Boyfriend killer sent back to jail

Father says he shot daughter's boyfriend to save her from drugs ◐ Sentence brings some closure to 2 families

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▶ Kim Walker

A Saskatchewan father who said he shot his daughter's boyfriend to save her from drugs is going back to jail.

Kim Walker, 54, was sentenced yesterday to eight years in prison after a jury found him guilty of manslaughter in the 2003 death of James Hayward.

Justice Ellen Gunn in Yorkton deducted six and a half years for the more than three years Walker has already spent in jail. He'll serve another 18 months.

Court heard during the trial in May that Walker shot Hayward five times — and then leaned down and drew a bloody cross on the dying man's forehead.

Jadah Walker was 16 when she moved into Hayward's home in Yorkton. He was 24.

Court heard that Walker feared for his daughter's life as well as his own.

He testified that Jadah was doing drugs after moving in with Hayward. He had tried to get police and school counsellors to help, but no one did.

At one point, Walker petitioned to have his daughter held for 72 hours in a psychiatric ward. By then her weight had dropped to about 95 pounds from 135.

She went back to Hayward's house shortly after she was released — the day of the shooting.

Jadah Walker testified that Hayward was a "bad influence" on her life — he sold drugs and injected her with morphine.

Jadah said her father came to Hayward's house on the day of the shooting and pleaded with her to come home.

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Brazil. Plane crashes

▶ Workers inspect the burned-out shell of a crashed plane in Recife, Brazil, yesterday.

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Sixteen die in fiery plane crash

A woman passenger pleaded for help and gestured through a window at onlookers after a small airliner crash-landed in Brazil yesterday. But the aircraft burst into flames before help could arrive. All 16 people on board were killed. The twin-turboprop aircraft reported problems after taking off from Recife.

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‘No toking’ signs likely a no-go

Amsterdam’s pot-discouraging signage set to become more of a collector’s item after legal setback

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After an only-in-the-Netherlands legal reverse, the city of Amsterdam said yesterday it will likely have to stub out the “no toking” signs it introduced in a crackdown on marijuana-smoking youth.

The Dutch government’s top legal adviser ruled that the city had no right to establish official zones where smoking weed is banned, since it’s already theoretically illegal in the Netherlands.

In practice, possession of small amounts of the drug is allowed, and it is sold openly in designated shops.

When the policy was introduced in 2007, the city put up signs to declare the “no toking” zones. The signs portrayed a cone-shaped cigarette being rolled, with little marijuana leaves in the background — inside a bold red circle. They were stolen so often as collectors’ items the city opened its own merchandise line and began offering them itself for $125 apiece.

City spokeswoman Iris Reshef acknowledged yesterday’s ruling likely means the signs must go, but she noted it specified the city can still issue fines to young smokers who cause problems.

“The measures we have taken can remain in place,” Reshef said. “Just the signs cannot be there.”

Amsterdam has long had an image as a freewheeling haven for pot smokers because of its numerous “coffee shops” where marijuana is sold and smoked by locals and tourists alike.

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Drugs. Art

▶ Iranian Safi Zadeh Hossein, 28, covers his face as a customs official displays two pieces of methaphetamine, foreground and right, that came disguised as works of art during a news conference at a customs office in Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday.

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Nowhere to hide

Iranian Safi Zadeh Hossein was arrested on Tuesday upon his arrival at Suvarnabhumi international airport when custom officials found 15.3 kilograms of methamphetamine in his possession.

Accused man allowed to view child porn in jail

A legal loophole is allowing a Washington state man accused of child sex crimes to view child pornography in jail.

Weldon Marc Gilbert is acting as his own lawyer in the case, and that means he’s entitled to review the evidence.

The evidence in the case includes more than 100 videos seized from Gilbert’s Lake Tapps home after his 2007 arrest. Authorities say some of the footage was shot by Gilbert.

“Make no mistake — I don’t like it,” Pierce County Sheriff Paul Pastor told KOMO-TV. “But it is not my choice whether to do it or not to do it. There’s no question that I don’t like it. There’s no question that this makes me grind my teeth.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Google faces off

Google co-founder and CEO Larry Page has made social networking a top priority Accessing social data could help Plus rise to the top, say analysts

Google didn't build its new Plus service simply to have an online hangout like Facebook.

Rather, Google's new social-networking endeavour is trying to gain valuable insights into people's lives and relationships. This could help the company do a better job of targeting ads so that advertisers would pay more and have less reason to spend on Facebook.

If it succeeds, Plus represents Google's best shot yet at muscling into a market that has threatened to topple the Internet search and advertising leader, as Facebook leads the way in making the online world social.

Plus is reminiscent of Facebook — with a Google touch. It lets people share photos and status messages, chat with friends and follow news updates. A feature called circles allows users to organize people they interact with into groups, such as family, close friends or fishing buddies. Users can choose what they share.

Google Plus is still in a restricted, test phase. Only time will tell if it takes off or if it's too little, too late to face off with Facebook and Twitter on the social front — just as Microsoft has failed to surpass Google in search with latecomer Bing.

Google Inc. has done quite well without its own social network. Its online search engine accounts for two-thirds of queries made in the U.S., and even more in parts of Europe. Its revenue is expected to surpass $36 billion US this year.

Online behaviours are changing, though. People are spending more time on Facebook and other social networks. Google, meanwhile, has bungled past social media efforts. A sharing program called Wave was quickly killed off and Buzz, a later venture, was the centre of a privacy fiasco.

Response to Google Plus has been positive. But that's no guarantee for success.

"Google needs to have a social strategy that is relevant to Google and the way people use Google applications," said Susan Etlinger, analyst at Altimeter Group. "That's very different from how people use Facebook."

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Pulling. Strings

▶ A demonstrator from Avaaz, a global campaigning group, wearing a Rupert Murdoch head and holds a puppet of Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron in front of the U.K. Parliament in London yesterday.

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Media mogul backs down on bid

In a stunning retreat, Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. dropped its bid yesterday to take full control of British Sky Broadcasting during what the prime minister called a political and media "firestorm" over phone hacking at one of the media baron's U.K. newspapers. Murdoch stepped back from making potentially his biggest, most lucrative acquisition, accepting that he couldn't win British government approval of the takeover since major political parties are against it.

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FM radio station profits up: CRTC

The CRTC said yesterday that Canadian FM radio stations reported higher revenues and profits for the broadcast year ended Aug. 31, 2010, while there was little change for AM stations. They said 513 FM stations in Canada, up 17 from the previous year, that brought in a total of $1.24 billion in revenue, up from $1.2 billion in 2009. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

I hate to boast, but the fact is I play sports with an incredibly consistent level of mediocrity.

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And I love it.

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You say you're average too? Well then, step up, and we'll find out what happens when the undistinguished force meets the intermediate object.

As you can see, it's easy to get my competitive juices flowing, even if those juices are of no-name-brand quality. I have the killer instinct, just no weapons to kill with.

At first blush, it probably seems strange that I have a viciously competitive attitude toward sports when they usually leave me blushing, period. How can I play so happily when I know I'm so very so-so?

"One day, for instance, I can look back on a friendly tennis match and recount it like I'm some epic warrior, even if it's the tale of when I had each of my limbs hacked off by a much better warrior who had this amazing overhand broadsword."

It's simple: I like adventures and want to be part of one, even if I'm just a background character.

Sports are just storytelling in real time, and not everyone can be Indiana Jones. Some of us are just University Student, Bad Guy No. 2, or Guy Who Gets His Head Run Through By A Spike.

Any part in the story will do.

It's a natural urge, to want your life to be a grand adventure. But it's hard to pretend I'm a superhero when the hardest decision I face is deciding how many times a pair of jeans can be re-worn before washing, so I instead play sports — make-believe for adults.

One day, for instance, I can look back on a friendly tennis match and recount it like I'm some epic warrior, even if it's the tale of when I had each of my limbs hacked off by a much better warrior who had this amazing overhand broadsword.

As a mediocre player, I have a small part to play in the narratives of players both better and worse. Just starting to play tennis? Make reaching my skill level a short-term goal! A slightly above-average runner? You'll feel like a world-beater when you blow by me! I'm an inspiration!

So this one goes out to all the mediocre athletes out there. The third-line left-wingers, the soccer fullbacks, the right-fielders batting eighth. I stand with you, here in the middle of the road, ready to offer all the support I can muster. An average amount, of course.

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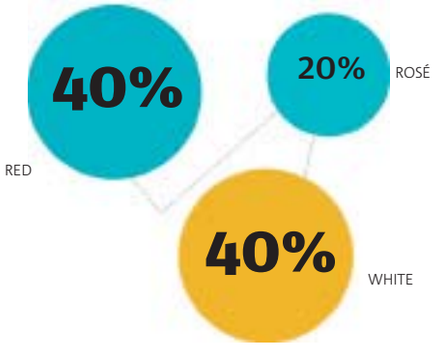


Local tweets

- **@PaperFifridi:** Winnipeg Folk Fest-Great exposure this weekend to wonderful music, good people, excellent networking, amazing environment, profitable too!
- **@the_hab:** Fringe starts this Wed. Great times in the Exchange. #hats #winnipeg #fashion
- **@janehirose:** What's wrong with winnipeg? We wait ALL winter for the hot summer weather and as soon as it's here, we crank up the AC!!!
- **@ItsJustBrenton:** Driving in #winnipeg I pass a homeless man blasting the "everyday I'm shuffling" song. He busts a move the whole time I'm there! #awesome
- **@winnipegmac:** Good people at Peak of the Market ie Larry Macintosh! Always helping out charities! like them on FB = 10lbs veggies to food bank! #Winnipeg
- **@Roksolid204:** Dear city of Winnipeg, please explain why you've removed the bus shelter in front of the urban bakery.
- **@TransconaCougar:** Has anyone else in #Winnipeg spotted me over the past 2 days? I'm still on the prowl!

Worth Mentioning

WHAT'S BUGGING YOU?

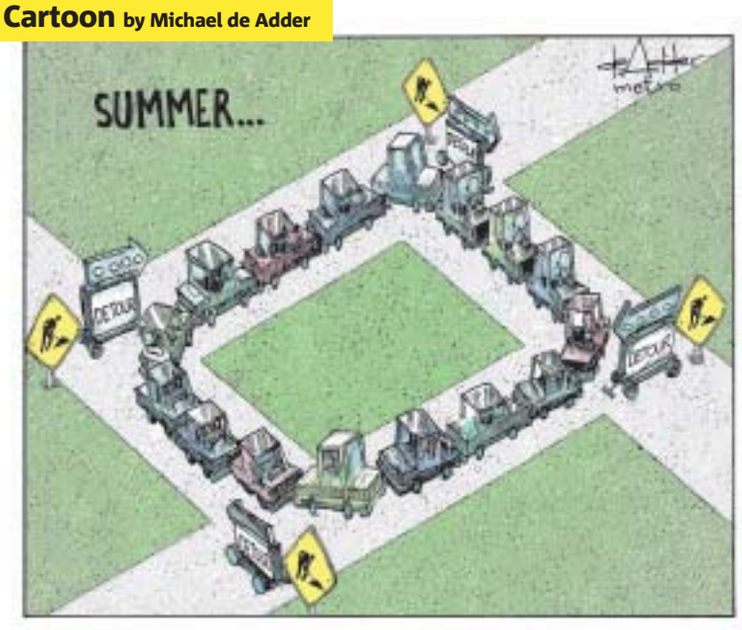
What do mosquitoes like more than clean, human skin? Stinky socks. Scientists think the musky odour of human feet can be used to attract and kill mosquitoes that carry deadly malaria. The Gates Foundation announced yesterday it will help fund one such project in Tanzania.

The traps could provide the first practical way of controlling malaria infections outside.

Dutch scientist Dr. Bart Knols first discovered mosquitoes were attracted to foot odour by standing in a dark room naked and examining where he was bitten, said Dr. Fredros Okumu, the head of the research project at Tanzania's Ifakara Health Institute. But over the following 15 years, researchers struggled to put the knowledge to use.

Then Okumu discovered that the stinky smell — which he replicates using a careful blend of eight chemicals — attracts mosquitoes to a trap where they can be poisoned. The odour of human feet attracted four times as many mosquitoes as a human volunteer. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Snake warrants double take at Ukrainian zoo

A two-headed snake has gone on display at a zoo in southern Ukraine.

The "Skazka" (Fairy tale) zoo in the Crimean city of Yalta on the Black Sea said yesterday that the albino California Kingsnake has two heads that think, react and eat separately, though one is more passive than the other.

Dmytro Tkachov, a zoo worker taking care of the snake, said he puts a barrier between the heads when feeding the snake lest one eats the other.

The snake will be on display at the zoo until mid-September. The zoo would not provide further details. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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The vanishing ghost

Video game culture guru powering down But before he goes, throwing one final party

He's back

The former governor of California will return to acting with a starring role in the Lionsgate film Last Stand. Arnold Schwarzenegger will play a border-town sheriff who unwittingly finds himself battling a notorious drug kingpin on the run.

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New prelude to upcoming 'Planet of the Apes' prequel goes online

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Game over. VJ/media artist Skot Deeming — aka mrghosty — is leaving Winnipeg.

A video game culture guru, Deeming challenges the models of play associated with video games by modifying the technology used to play them.

As the (mega) man behind such events as Data Dance, the Gr8 Bits Show and the Re:Play Game Culture and Technology Art Fair at the Winnipeg Art Gallery, Deeming has had a major impact on Winnipeg's arts scene since moving here four years ago.

"Coming to Winnipeg really afforded me an opportunity to become an ambassador for the culture," says Deeming, 36.

"I feel like Winnipeg is a city that's looking for fresh stuff and when you drop something new here, people really get behind it."

A former resident of Toronto and London, Ont., Deeming says it wasn't until he moved to Manitoba that his artistic practice really took off.

"I had support elsewhere but I never felt I had the sort of momentum behind my work that I managed to gain here," says Deeming. "In a city this size I had opportunities to co-present work with the WAG and the Manitoba Museum. These are large scale institutions. If it was the AGO (Art Gallery of Ontario) or the ROM (Royal Ontario Museum), forget about it, they're impenetrable."

Continue? Yes, Deeming still has plenty of quarters. In fact, the reason he's bidding farewell to Winnipeg is to attend York and Ryerson Universities' Joint Graduate Program in Communications & Culture.

"This is me being enthusiastic about a culture and trying to be its cheerleader, really trying to promote it beyond the stereotypical negative perceptions," says Deeming. "I can slap my degree down and say 'PHD in video games'."

Game Over Mrghosty goes down July 15 at the The Lo Pub & Bistro. Sending Deeming off are local music acts LeBeato, The Shake and Bass Invaders. Admission is $5. Doors open at 9 pm.

Other events

What else is going on the city?

Show Montreal indie rock duo Handsome Furs play the West End Cultural Centre on Friday in support of its third full-length album Sound Kapital. Inspired by 1980s Eastern European electronic music, the album—released June 28 on Sub Pop Records — was composed entirely on keyboards. Tickets are $12 at ticketworkshop.com, Into the Music and Music Trader. Showtime is 8 pm.

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This weekend, LA! Avoid Carmageddon, Gas-zilla, 405-enstein, Grid-lock-apalooza! STAY HOME. Eat & shop local!

@AlbertBrooks

I think we have to start electing presidents for one six year term. Trying to get re-elected ruins everything.

@SteveMartinToGo

I hear I'm getting a great review in News of the World next Sunday. Can't wait!

@SethMacFarlane

I think little kids cry a lot because they can't have margaritas yet.

Wedding bells for Brangelina?

Sources say power couple finally ready to say 'I do's'

While they've resisted the urge to tie the knot during their six years together, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are reportedly ready to walk down the aisle, three separate sources confirm to Us Weekly.

The ceremony could happen as soon as this summer and would likely take place at the couple's newly renovated Chateau Miraval in Correns, France, which includes a chapel on its grounds.

But despite their high profile, the wedding "would be intimate and informal," a source says.

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▶ Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

Talking points

Apparently SJP wants us to feel sorry for her

JUST DO YOUR JOB AND GET ON WITH IT.

Sarah Jessica Parker says that, despite having plenty of experience in front of the camera, she still gets nervous at the start of each project, and her new film is no different.

"I lose my appetite," she tells Vogue.

"By Wednesday of the first week on I Don't Know How She Does It, I was sobbing. I was apologizing. I was feeling so awful and ashamed, like I had let the director down ... I'm like that two weeks into every movie. METRO

'No boys' for Demi Lovato

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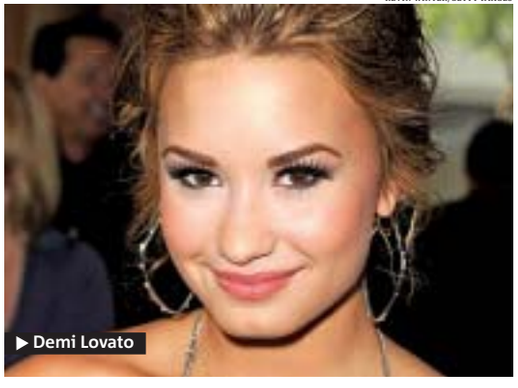

▶ Demi Lovato

Demi Lovato is taking herself off the market.

"To be honest, right now there is no crush," Lovato says in an interview with Ryan Seacrest.

"I have a pact with my friends right now, literally no boys for X amount of days."

Lovato recently split from Wilmer Valderrama, and she previously dated Joe Jonas, who she says knew all about the "emotional and psychological issues" that landed her in rehab late last year.

"He was my best friend for like years prior to that, so he knew about my problems," she says of Jonas.

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Forget ScarJo, Ryan has a new hottie

Ryan Reynolds and Charlize Theron are reportedly an item, according to Us Weekly.

The two actors "have been dating — for months! They're exclusive, and it's very hush-hush," a source says.

Last year, Reynolds split from ex-wife Scarlett Johansson, while Theron broke up with longtime partner Stuart Townsend. While the new couple is reportedly quite happy together, don't expect to see them out and about, sources say. "She won't go to an event with him. That's not her style."

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Ryan Reynolds

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▶ Victoria Beckham

No more kids for Beckhams, friends say

Victoria and David Beckham happily welcomed their fourth child — and first daughter — earlier this week, but don't expect them to be welcoming a fifth.

Friends of the couple say baby Harper will be their last, according to People magazine.

"She was saying, 'I just want her to get here and want to be holding her in my arms — not in my belly," a source says of Victoria in the weeks leading up to the birth. "She had not been all that tired until the end, when it is just so hard to be active so pregnant."

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3 life

Building a set of bold and beautiful eyebrows

The bushy eyebrow is the trendiest its been since Brooke Shields rocked Calvins Celebrity makeup artist Serge Hodonou explains how to create the look at home

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
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Whether you want Kate Middleton's regal arches or the wild, wolf-like gaze of model Natalia Vodianova, the first step is to stop over-plucking and let your eyebrows grow. Serge Hodonou, a makeup artist in Paris whose clients include Björk and Freida Pinto, talks us through the next steps to your perfect eyebrows.

1

Identify your face shape
"You need to create proportion," Hodonou says. "On a long, angular face, a curved brow will add roundness and softness. On a more rounded face, straight brows will create a more angular, defined structure."

2

Choose the right colour
"Stick to shades of brown and stay clear of black, as this will bring harshness to the face, even on natural brunettes," he says. "Blondes should go for a shade just a little darker than their natural colour, such as light brown."

3

Create your shape
"Thickly draw in the shape you want with an eyebrow pencil or some loose powder. I don't use a liquid eyeliner pen because it doesn't look natural. Apply a lot of colour on the top half of the eyebrow (not under) as this will help lengthen and widen your gaze. Once you reach the tip of the eyebrow, never go too low because it will drag the eye down."

4

Tap it out
"Aim for natural, not drag queen. Tap and brush the colour using your fingers and then use a Q-tip to remove any excess. Use the Q-tip to blend in the colour and avoid graphic straight lines that look fake," he says.

BOJANA TATARSKA

▶ Blame fashion photo shoots such as this one for bringing the wolf-like, statement brow back.

SERGE HODONOU'S TOP THREE EYEBROW SHAPERS

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"Remove the hairs one by one and never wax or shave," he says. "Remove the bottom hairs only to clean up the brow."
$34, shuuemura.com

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Beauty pick

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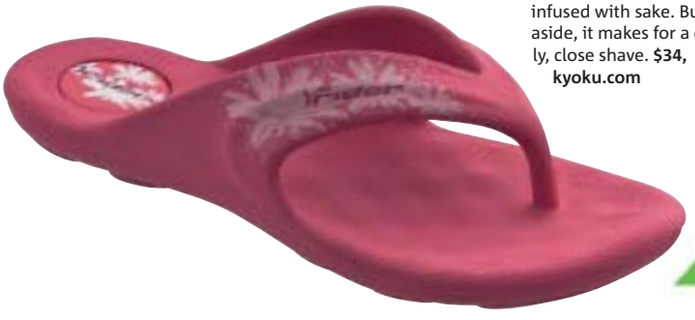

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Quick changes

If there were any lingering doubts about Kate Middleton taking her fashion choices seriously, this trip should put them all to rest. From the moment she boarded her private flight to Ottawa, the Duchess of Cambridge revealed a carefully chosen wardrobe, complete with 30 —yes, 30 — whopping outfit changes that seemed to pay tribute to both Canada and her home country.

1 Yes, she means business—or rather, she's good for business? The Duchess of Cambridge seemed to understand the power of her wardrobe decisions by wearing a blazer by the Canadian label Smythe and a Roland Mouret dress for her flight out of London.

2 In a move that would earn the approval of even the most jaded fashion editor, Middleton slipped into an Erdem shift mid-flight for her grand entrance in Canada. Designed by fashion's newbie of the moment, Canadian-born Erdem Moralioglu, it was her best look of the week.

3 Should she rethink her Issa loyalty? The silk wrap dress looked tired, dated and boring.

4 This simple, collared number by Catherine Walker suited her lithe frame and the pointier shoes make a nice change from her usual solid-coloured pumps.

5 There's a fine line between paying tribute to Canada and becoming a walking tourism poster girl. The maple leaf hat is way too literal. **METRO**

Hardwood floors made easy

From oak to maple to beech — beautiful wooden floors never go out of style
Go with dark wood for a traditional look, or choose a light wood for a more contemporary feel

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▶ Light wood floors help add a bright, modern feel to a room.

Anyone who has bought a house or condo over the last 15 years is aware of the popularity of hardwood flooring; it's often the reason we buy one home over another.

Wood flooring, installed properly, in a suitable colour and wood type, can be enjoyed for a lifetime.

Choose the wrong stain, wood or size of wood plank and you'll have a trendy, expensive mess on your hands that isn't always so easy to change.

"The biggest mistake people make when choosing hardwood flooring is that they try to follow short-lived trends," says hardwood flooring expert Bill Schinas of Smithwood Floors in Etobicoke, Ont.

"Choosing a wood type and stain colour that belongs in the architectural style of your home will allow the wood floors to last a lifetime."

Here's a few of this flooring guru's dos and don'ts when choosing hardwood.

Do: Choose a wood type that is suitable for your lifestyle.
Most open-concept style homes work best with a hardwood like oak or maple. Oak tends to give a more traditional feel to the house while maple floors offer a more contemporary feel.

Don't: Choose your wood type around your decor scheme, but around the era/architecture of your home.
If you live in a modern condo, then choose a trendy flooring choice like grey-stained maple flooring. If you're buying an art-and-crafts style home then a deep cherry wood flooring would be most suitable.

Do: Follow trends of light or dark flooring as these tend to stick around for a long time.
The trend to dark wood has been around for about 10 years and slightly lighter tones are now emerging.

Don't: Choose wide planked floor boards just because they are a trend.
They can make a small space feel smaller and will not suit the scale of most rooms in the new condos and homes.

Wide planked floors will always look great in either traditional or industrial style homes.

Do: Consider stain colours like walnut as it is the most neutral of all the stain colours.
Note that cherry stains will have a more orange colour, mahogany will have more red and driftwood will have more grey (which is a big trend right now, but I think it will be short-lived).

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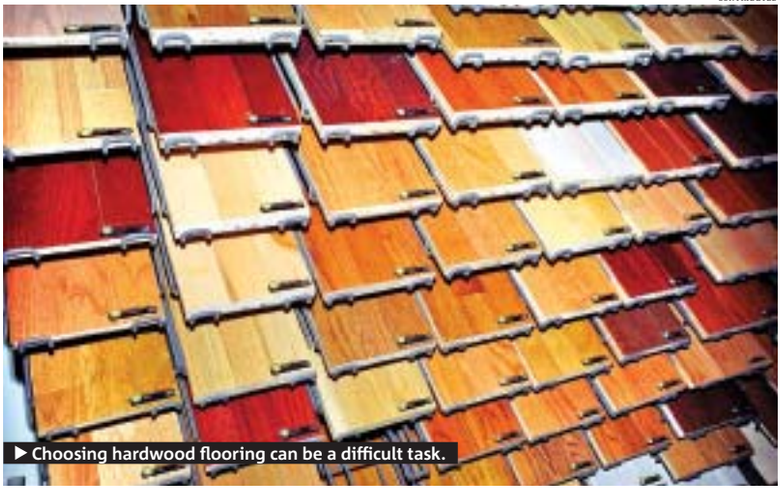

▶ Choosing hardwood flooring can be a difficult task.

Don't: Allow your decorator to choose your wood type and stain.
If building a house and working with a designer and architect, allow your architect to make the flooring suggestion.

They will not be as affected by trends and will incorporate the flooring choice into the integrity of the house's architectural scheme.

Do: Consider installing unfinished hardwood flooring.
Although there is more work to install on site, it will look more professional.

The wood strip lengths are longer and they can be sanded and stained many times over the floor's lifetime.

Pre-finished flooring often has microbevels between the planks, making it more difficult to sand and stain in the future.

Karl's tips:

- **Never match** the wood furniture you have to your floor. Wood furnishings (kitchen cabinets included) should stand off, not blend into, the floor.
- **Use no more than three** wood types/colours in any one room including flooring, furniture and picture frames. This make for a less-busy looking room.

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Question: My husband and I have argued about this since the day we got married. Can you please share the proper way to load a dishwasher?
Frustrated Wife, Vancouver

Dear Frustrated Wife:

I know exactly what you're talking about! We had that same argument in my household when I was a kid, and it was only resolved when I became a butler and learned the correct way! Here are nine golden rules that work no matter what type of dishwasher you have.

1. For the cleaning cycle to work correctly, water needs to be able to circulate around all of the dishes.
2. Overcrowding is the most common problem.
3. Rinse dishes before loading.
4. Use racks for their designated purpose i.e. glassware on the top rack.
5. Items requiring more robust cleaning should be placed on the bottom rack.
6. Always use the amount of soap recommended by the manufacturer.
7. Always use a rinse aid. This really does help keep the dishes spotless (no gimmick here, I promise!)
8. If your dishwasher has a salt dispenser check to see if you have hard or soft water in your area. The harder your water, the increased chances that you will need salt in the dishwasher to avoid residue buildup.
9. If your dishwasher isn't full, don't run a full cycle. Run the 10-minute rinse cycle. This will rinse your dishes and you can continue to fill the dishwasher until you have a full load.

How to load the dishwasher
Loading dishes with room around them allows for the water to circulate and clean them.

▶ Proper loading of dishes is essential.

How not to load a dishwasher
Overcrowding prevents the water from circulating around all of the dishes, a main reason for dirty dishes at the end of the cleaning cycle.

CHARLES IS BACK NEXT WEEK WITH MORE TIPS ON DISHWASHER LOADING

Building castles in the sandbox

Bring a bit of the beach to your backyard The kids can get muddy and then play in the sprinkler

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▶ Make sure to cover your new sandbox or cats might use it as a huge litter box.

DIY IDEAS

Backyard sandboxes are an easy and inexpensive way to provide hours of fun and creativity for kids.

Building a sandbox is just one of many projects landscape contractor Ahmed Hassan has completed for his show Yard Crashers.

In each episode, he goes home with an unsuspecting home improvement store shopper to transform their backyard.

The Perfect Spot

Before you build anything, decide on the location and size of your sandbox.

Consider the amount of shade for children playing, line of sight for adults watching, and drainage in your yard.

Once the position has been determined, dig a three-inch deep square hole in the area.

Build the Box

Use four pieces of 2x6 untreated or non-toxic treatment wood in the length that will fit your location.

Ensure that the natural curve of each board faces inwards to prevent warping.

Attach the pieces with nails or screws, putting them in place at three points from top to bottom along each edge.

Use garden tarp or weed-blocking tarp — not plastic tarp — to cover the bottom of the box.

This will allow for drainage and prevent muddiness in the sandbox.

Simply lay it over the bottom of the box you have built and staple from one side to the other. Flip it over and place in the hole you have dug.

Fill the box with "play sand," available in most home improvement stores.

This is a natural product that is fine in texture and most commonly used in sandboxes.

Protect the Box

Sandboxes must be covered when not in use to prevent any foreign objects from getting inside.

This is especially important in neighbourhoods where local animals may decide to use it as a litter box.

To do this, simply obtain a sheet of pressure-treated plywood matching the dimensions of your box, and drill two holes six inches apart on both sides.

String marine-grade rope through these holes to create handles for easy movement.

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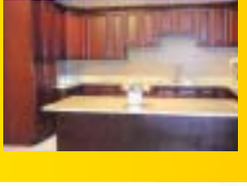

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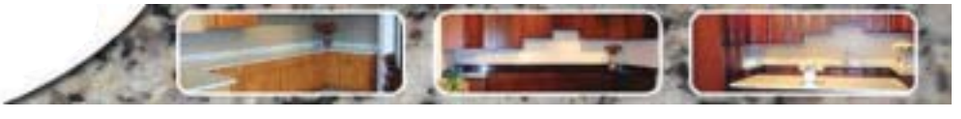

When seafood becomes the star in pasta dishes

Use freshly cooked crab for this Angel Hair Pasta with Jalapeno & Mint

If you're lucky, you've never known a world without olive oil or a time when Parmesan cheese only came in green cans.

But there was such a world. Once stigmatized as the cuisine of "garlic eaters," Italian food and its ingredients were almost impossible to find in North America 40 years ago.

"Certain foods were so associated with lower-class people that it was a way of keeping those people and their food in their place," says John Mariani, author of How Italian Food Conquered the World.

But as increased travel and waves of new immigrants coaxed Americans to be more adventurous, Italian food found its way onto American tables — and into their hearts. During the 1960s and '70s, retailers began marketing "healthy" Italian ingredients, such as olive oil. And during the 1980s, big-name chefs like Wolfgang Puck adapted and enhanced foods like pizza, giving them culinary credibility and pushing them into the mainstream.

"Italian food appeals to such a broad spectrum," says Jonathan Waxman of the New York restaurant Barbuto. "It appeals to kids, snobby people, rustic diners. It appeals to big groups, or an elegant dinner. It goes the full gamut."

Waxman's new book, Italian May Way, adapts the simplicity, seasonality and, most of all, the spontaneity of Italian dishes to American sensibilities.

Among the recipes is this Angel Hair Pasta with Crab, Jalapeno and Mint.

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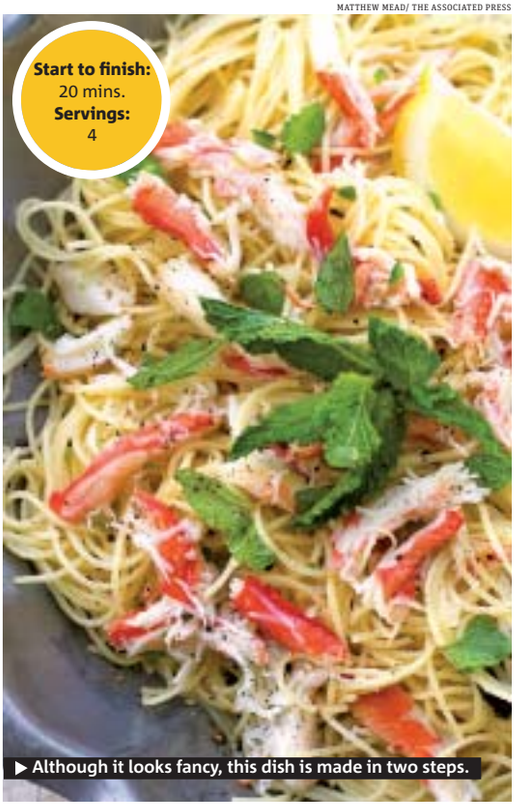

▶ Although it looks fancy, this dish is made in two steps.

Ingredients:

- 250 g (1/2 lb) cooked crabmeat, cleaned and picked through
- 1 jalapeno pepper, stemmed, seeded and minced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 12 fresh mint leaves, torn
- 90 ml (6 tbsp or 3/4 stick) unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 500 g (1 lb) angel hair pasta
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Salt, to taste

Preparation:

1 In bowl, combine crabmeat, jalapeno, garlic, mint, butter. Set aside.

2 Bring saucepan of salted water to boil. Cook pasta according to package directions. When pasta is al dente, use tongs or a slotted spoon to scoop out pasta and add it to crab mixture. Toss, then add lemon juice. Season with salt. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ITALIAN MY WAY BY JONATHAN WAXMAN (SIMON & SCHUSTER, 2011)

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Bombers downplay 3-0 talk

‘We just have to slow down Henry Burris,’ says Winnipeg defensive end Odell Willis

STAMPEDERS BOMBERS

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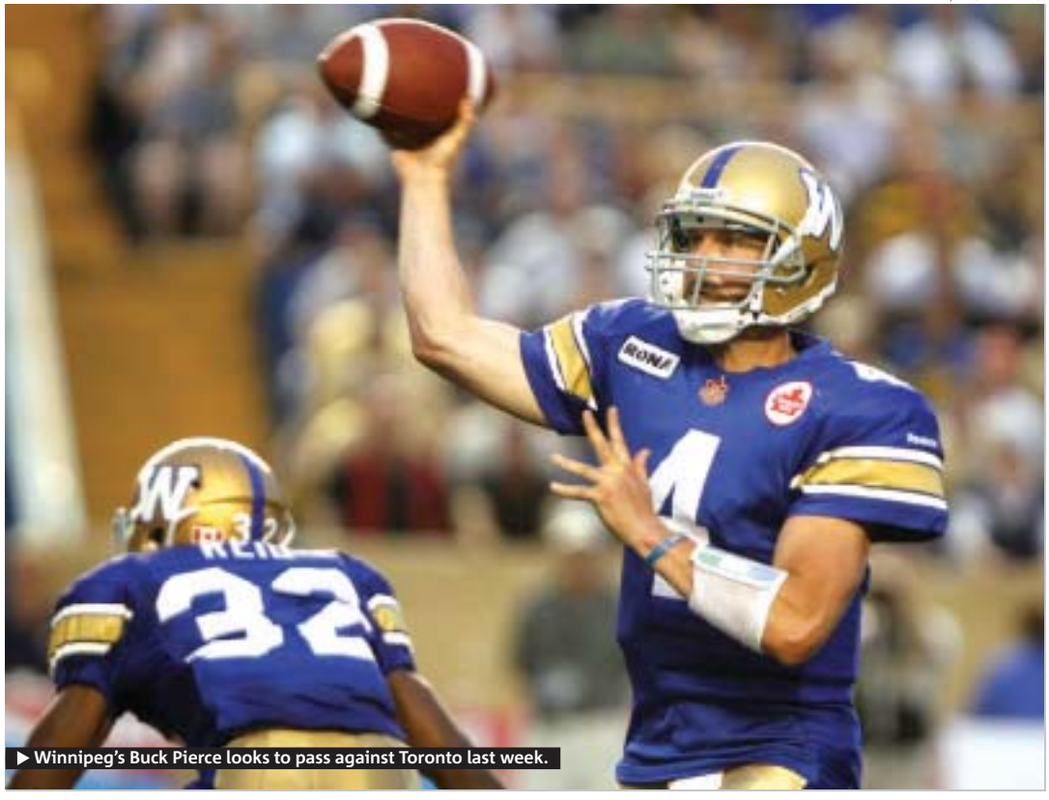

▶ Winnipeg’s Buck Pierce looks to pass against Toronto last week.

Winnipeg faces its toughest test of the early season with a game against the visiting Stampeders, but that doesn’t mean receiver Terrence Edwards is feeling intimidated.

“I think we have the talent to go out and trade punches with anybody,” Edwards said yesterday, a day before his 2-0 Blue Bombers take on Calgary (1-1) at Canad Inns Stadium.

“We’ve just got to go out there and execute and play. I wouldn’t trade any of my guys for anybody else, so I have confidence in my whole offensive staff to go out and perform.”

The last time Winnipeg opened a season 2-0 was in 2003, when it started 4-0 and finished 11-7.

Bomber head coach Paul LaPolice said going 3-0 means only one thing.

“Six points,” LaPolice said. “We really have not talked too much about being 2-0. I don’t think that’s come out of my mouth all week to the players.

“We’re geared up to play Calgary. We’re getting ready to play a team that’s been a consistent winner in this league, a very talented football team.”

The Bombers have put up 46 points through their first two victories, but only scored one touchdown through the air and one along the ground.

The offence is ranked last in the league in net offence, passing yards, first downs and completions.

Calgary has scored 70 points, including three thrown by quarterback Henry Burris and three by the run.

Winnipeg quarterback Buck Pierce is aiming for more production tonight. He’s completed 33-of-60 passes for 316 yards, compared to Burris’ 45-of-73 for 591 yards.

“Their offence has always been high-powered. We’re going to have to match that and we’re going to have to sustain drives.”
BOMBERS QUARTERBACK BUCK PIERCE ON FACING THE STAMPEDERS

Pierce has been working with a receiving corps that only has two veterans in seven-year Edwards and Aaron Hargreaves, who’s starting in his fourth season only after rookie Kito Poblah was put on the nine-game injured list with a knee injury suffered in Week 1.

The other pass catchers are sophomores Terence Jeffers-Harris and Cory Watson and rookie Clarence Denmark.

Calgary will field eight-year receiver Nik Lewis, seven-year slotback Ken-Yon Rambo, fourth-year wide receiver Romby Bryant and sophomore Johnny Forzani.

Both squads are solid at running back with Bomber Fred Reid leading the league in his fifth season (35 carries for 150 yards). The Stamps feature eight-year tailback Joffrey Reynolds (20 carries for 98 yards).

Burris has also run six times for 78 yards.

Winnipeg has allowed 32 points against through two games, while Calgary has held its opponents to 38 points.

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Clemens’ lawyer says DNA evidence was ‘manufactured’

Prosecutors said yesterday that needles and cotton balls Roger Clemens’ former trainer says he used to inject the star pitcher tested positive for Clemens’ DNA and anabolic steroids — evidence the defence said was faked.

Assistant U.S. attorney Steven Durham revealed the results during opening arguments in Clemens’ trial on charges of lying to Congress about using performance-enhancing drugs. Clemens’ lawyer Rusty Hardin responded that he won’t dispute the needles contain Clemens’ DNA and steroids, but accused the trainer Brian McNamee of “mixing” it up.

“He manufactured this stuff,” Hardin told jurors. “Roger Clemens’ only crime was having the poor judgment to stay connected with Brian McNamee.”

Hardin said steroids would have been “incredibly inconsistent with his career and beliefs that there’s no way he would have done it.”

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Sports in brief

Brit sprints to stage victory

TOUR DE FRANCE. Mark Cavendish of Britain won a rainy 11th stage of the Tour de France in a mass sprint yesterday, easily beating Andre Greipel of Germany on the line.

French rider Thomas Voeckler still holds the leader’s yellow jersey.

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Raps add to coaching staff

NBA. The Toronto Raptors announced yesterday that Johnny Davis and Tom Sterner have been added to new coach Dwane Casey’s staff.

They join assistants Eric Hughes, Micah Nori and Scott Roth.

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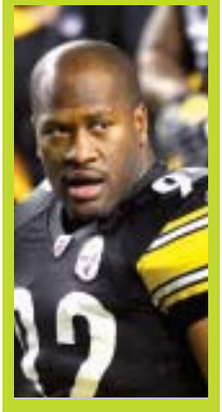

“I hate him and will never respect him.”
PITTSBURGH STEELERS LINEBACKER JAMES HARRISON’S COMMENTS ON NFL COMMISSIONER ROGER GOODELL IN THE AUGUST ISSUE OF MEN’S JOURNAL. HARRISON, WHO ALSO CALLS GOODELL A “CROOK” AND A “DEVIL” IN THE ARTICLE, HASN’T BEEN SHY ABOUT RIPPING THE LEAGUE AFTER HE WAS DOCKED $100,000 FOR ILLEGAL HITS LAST SEASON.

“Why don’t you quit and do something else, like start your own league in flag football?”
HARRISON, ON WHAT HE WOULD HAVE WHISPERED IN GOODELL’S EAR DURING THE TROPHY CEREMONY HAD HIS STEELERS WON THE SUPER BOWL LAST SEASON.

Top NFL QBs ready to end lockout

Deadlines next week for training camps, pre-season to start on time Delays would decrease overall revenue

Calling the players' offer "fair for both sides," star quarterbacks Tom Brady, Peyton Manning and Drew Brees — plaintiffs in an antitrust suit against the NFL — said yesterday "it is time" to wrap up negotiations on a deal to end the league's lockout.

Brady, Manning and Brees spoke as a group publicly for the first time with talks in a critical phase, four months into the league's first work stoppage since 1987. Players and owners met yesterday morning at a Manhattan law office for the latest round of discussions.

Although it seems the sides have agreed on the basic elements of how to split more than $9 billion US in annual revenues, there are still key sticking points on how to structure a new rookie salary system and what free agency will look like.

"We share the view that now is the time to reach an agreement so we can all get back to to football and a full 2011 season."
A STATEMENT RELEASE BY THE NFL YESTERDAY.

In a statement released to The Associated Press via the NFL Players Association, New England's Brady, Indianapolis' Manning and New Orleans' Brees said: "We believe the overall proposal made by the players is fair for both sides and it is time to get this deal done."

They continued: "This is the time of year we as players turn our attention to the game on the field. We hope the owners feel the same way."

In response, the NFL issued a statement saying: "We are working hard with the players' negotiating team every day to complete an agreement as soon as possible."

U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan ordered both sides to speak with him in Minneapolis next Tuesday, and the owners have a special meeting set for July 21 in Atlanta, where they could vote to ratify a new deal if one is reached.
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World Cup. Finalists

▶ American forward Abby Wambach, second left, is mobbed by teammates after scoring yesterday in Germany.

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U.S. women party like it's 1999

American forward Abby Wambach broke a tie with a thunderous header in the 79th minute, and the U.S. are heading to the Women's World Cup final for the first time since 1999 after a 3-1 victory over France yesterday.
Wambach also had the game tying goal in the 122nd minute against Brazil in the quarterfinals.
Japan will face the U.S. in Sunday's final after a 3-1 win over Sweden in the other semifinal game yesterday.

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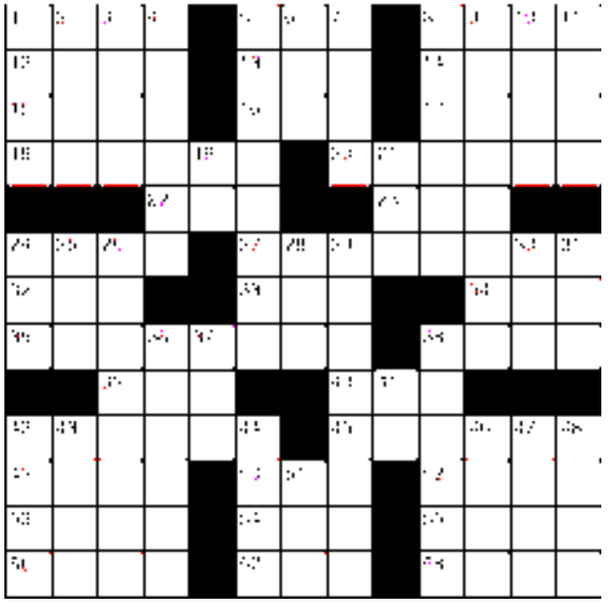


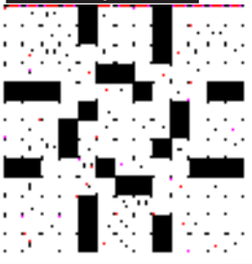
Across

1 Summertime pest
5 Leap
8 Mountain goat
12 Opulent
13 Forest bird
14 Thailand, once
15 From the beginning
16 Born
17 Taj Mahal city
18 Curie or Pompadour
20 Straightens
22 Trigger's rider
23 Scull tool
24 Unpaid bill
27 Important person
32 — Baba
33 Popular card game
34 Greek vowel
35 Pre-WWII music-makers
38 Kentucky fort
39 Dadaist artist
40 Baltimore newspaper
42 Go
45 Chalkboard accessory
49 Pumps up the volume
50 Every last bit
52 November responsibility
53 Wire measures
54 Mainlander's memento
55 Verve
56 Quarry
57 A billion years
58 Auctioneer's call

Down

1 Metric unit
2 1492 vessel
3 Served perfectly
4 Frustrate
5 "South Pacific" song
6 Have 24-Across
7 Entreaty
8 Book before Jeremiah
9 Dartmouth team
10 Deserve
11 Opening day?
19 37-Down, for ex.
21 Depressed
24 Slight touch
25 Inventor Wallach
26 New York City
28 Third-party abbr.
29 Kate of reality TV
30 Ike's old command
31 Remiss
36 Shamelessly bold
37 Spring seg.
38 Jacks
41 Ancient Sumerian city
42 Moist
43 Mideast noble
44 Story
46 Unaccompanied
47 List-ending abbr.
48 Tear asunder
51 Zodiac sign

▶ Yesterday's answer



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7	4			3				
	6		5		8			
	3			9			1	

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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You, sorry..i know it's tough time for you now. please take care of yourself4 me. Stay strong. Just so you know i am here for you if you need any help. have a lovely day my lov. **ME**

*Wizrd of Oz Love Good night and sleep tight.Can u not feel yr princess? where is the trust hon? i only want to c u sleeping now...*ME

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Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 The approaching full moon will make you emotional over the next 48 hours. Think before you speak.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Do you persevere with a project that's in a rut or do you start again from scratch? Taurus doesn't give up.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You need to be tough with people who waste your time on trivialities.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The approaching full moon will give people the idea that they can boss you around. Don't let it happen!

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Try not to give other people the impression that you agree with them when you really don't.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 This could be a tense and emotional time, so try to keep your more excitable tendencies under control.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Affairs of the heart must be handled with kid gloves today, and tomorrow.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You won't be able to stay in one place today: You've got to get out and about and see, and be seen.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 The approaching full moon cuts across the money axis of your chart and your cash flow situation.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 If you have doubts about a relationship, give it some thought but don't make any decisions quite yet.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you want a break, you must take it. Don't feel guilty: You've done more than your share.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. The Sun in Cancer means you're at your most dynamic. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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